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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT : NIC Activity Report for 6-10 June 1983

I. DCI/DDCI-Assigned Tasks

NIO At Large (D. Low) began work and made contacts with appropriate Agency officers on a special project for the DCI regarding the economics of specific Latin American countries.

NIO/Narcotics accompanied the DDCI to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Border Interdiction System.

NIO/Political & Paramilitary Threats spent most of the week working on a Central America Strategy Paper in close coordination with Defense Undersecretary Ikle.

NIO/Strategic Programs and C/ACIS/DI are preparing at the DCI's request a short paper on two SALT II compliance issues: SS-16 status and Backfire aircraft production.

II. Interagency Papers

Draft NIEs on key South Asian military issues and ASEAN's prospects are in the final throes of preparation for an NFIB review on 17 June.

Other estimates nearing the final review process include drafts of the Colombia drugs SNIE, West Germany NIE, and Warsaw Pact military reliability NIE.

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III. Of Special Interest This Week

Chairman, NIC, NIO At Large (L. Gordon), and A/NIO/East Asia participated in the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Harvard Center for International Affairs on "Global Dilemmas: The World of the 1980s."

VC/NIC (C. Waterman), accompanied by NIO/USSR and A/NIO/USSR, met with RAND Middle East expert [REDACTED] to discuss Soviet power projection in Southwest Asia. VC/NIC also briefed the Agency, Midcareer Course on the NIC [REDACTED]

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Acting NIO/Africa attended a debriefing at State of Amb. Harrop (Kenya).

NIO At Large (L. Gordon) attended the debriefing of the US delegation to the May 1983 meeting of the ITU Administrative Council; met with Amb. Robert Ryan on Radio Broadcasting to Cuba; and attended a board meeting of the Atlantic Council of the US.

NIO At Large (H. Heymann) attended a dinner discussion at the Carnegie Endowment on "US Foreign Policy in the 1980s" with [REDACTED] (Georgetown U.), [REDACTED] (AEI), and [REDACTED] (Princeton U.) as lead panelists; and met with [REDACTED] of Hudson Institute to discuss his concept of "The Great Transition." [REDACTED] believes that all the indicators point to a US in the early stages of a massive economic revitalization, with high growth rates lasting for the next 15-20 years.)

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NIO At Large (D. Low) attended the monthly Interagency Nuclear Export Policy Review Meeting with A/NIO/AL [REDACTED] at State; participated in A/NIO/AL's briefing of HFAC staffers on recent developments in the Indian, Pakistani, and Libyan nuclear programs; and continued making introductory courtesy calls on various Agency officers as well as [REDACTED] of Livermore Labs.

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NIO/East Asia discussed technology transfer to China at several NSC meetings, and with other CIA officers, met with the new CINCPAC, Adm. Crowe.

NIO/General Purpose Forces chaired an initial experimental conference of Community analysts working in the GPF area. The meeting facilitated understanding of the GPF estimates program and surfaced variations of substantive views on new Soviet ground force developments. All were enthusiastic about continuing such meetings. (A summary of the meeting's discussion has been sent to the DCI for information.)

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NIO/GPF sponsored a 7 June briefing for DIA and CIA analysts by representatives of [REDACTED] project, which is designed to model relative force effectiveness and the relationship between defense investment and weapons modernization. This model may have some applicability to related work underway in DIA and SOVA.

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NIO/Latin America chaired a mini-warning meeting of Community analysts on 10 June to discuss developments in El Salvador -- not so much the immediate situation as to encourage analysts to look ahead three to six months; prepared talking points on Central America for a high-level interagency review of the situation there; attended an ALA-sponsored seminar on the current scene in Mexico featuring Prof. [REDACTED] and completed his round of introductory calls with visits to INR, DOD/ISA, the DIO for Latin America, and the recently-established Central America Joint Intelligence Task Force.

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NIO/Near East-South Asia hosted a NIC-DI session with Prof. [REDACTED] on "The Middle East One Year After the Lebanese War;" attended a meeting at State on new initiatives in Lebanon; and prepared a memo on Syrian options in Lebanon at the DD/I's request.

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NIO/Strategic Programs attended a SIG meeting on Defense Policy regarding NSSD 6-83 on antiballistic missile defense. (He volunteered to give several briefings and provide recent intelligence publications on Soviet ABM and high-energy lasers.) He also briefed NSC staffers on the recent NIE on monitoring capabilities for START and INF. (He will also be briefing them on NIE 11-3/8-82 and the ABM estimate.)

NIO/S&T and members of TTIC and TTAC met with Don Fortier, NSC Staff, to give him background information on the PRC technology transfer issue: NIO/S&T also met with Dr. Jim Wade, USDR&E, to discuss the draft Soviet R&D estimate, DOD perceptions of technology transfer description, and a new analytical concept for assessing future Soviet weapons capabilities; and he chaired an NSC/SIG (Technology Transfer) "Working Group meeting reviewing government organizations and programs aimed at stopping unwanted US technology losses to communist countries. The US foreign counterintelligence and export control enforcement programs were reviewed.

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chaired a meeting of NIC-DI analysts on INF issues.

NIO/Warning chaired the first meeting of the White House Situation Room/Crisis Management Facility Working Group, which featured a presentation by Dr. Richard Beal, Special Assistant to the President on NSDD 95; accompanied [REDACTED] Executive Director/Planning Staff, in a visit to FEMA at their request for initial discussions concerning what they can use to help trigger their actions during a national emergency; and chaired a meeting of the National Warning Training Working Group to review the proposed warning training syllabus.

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IV. Future Activities

(Nothing of special interest to report at this time.)


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